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MANAGEMENT AGENCY (NAPMA)

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1. GENERAL PETER TANDECKI, DEPUTY HEAD OF THE DEFENSE
MINISTRY'S OFFICE OF POLITICAL/MILITARY AFFAIRS, HAS
TOLD US HE IS QUITE CERTAIN THAT, INITIALLY, THE FRG
WILL "SIT ON THE FENCE" DURING NATO DISCUSSIONS OF THE
QUESTION OF NAPMA'S PERMANENT LOCATION. HE SAID HE BE-
LIEVED THAT, IN THE END, THE FRG WOULD VOTE WITH THE

MAJORITY AND THAT THE MAJORITY DECISION WOULD BE TO LOCATE NAPMA IN BRUSSELS.

2. TANDECKI SAID THE FRG DID NOT WISH TO GET OUT IN FRONT ON THIS ISSUE BECAUSE THERE IS NO "GOOD" SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM. HE OBSERVED THAT LOCATING NAPMA IN BRUNSSUM INSTEAD OF BRUSSELS COULD CAUSE BELGIUM TO DISASSOCIATE ITSELF FROM AWACS. LOCATING IT IN BRUSSELS COULD CREATE DIFFICULTIES WITH THE DUTCH OVER THE CANCELLATION OF PLAN DELTA. TANDECKI INDICATED THAT THE LATTER WAS THE LESSER OF THE TWO EVILS AND PERHAPS THE MORE MANAGEABLE OF THE TWO. HE SAID IT WAS FOR THIS REASON, AND "BECAUSE NAPMA (SIC - I.E., NAPO) IS ALREADY IN BRUSSELS" THAT THE FRG TENDED TO FAVOR PERMANENTLY LOCATING IT THERE.

3. TANDECKI EMPHASIZED THAT HIS COMMENTS REFLECTED GERMAN THINKING AS OF NOW. THERE WAS NO FIRM AND FINAL FRG POSITION ON THE MATTER.

4. TANDECKI AGREED WITH US THAT THE ISSUE OF NAPMA'S PERMANENT LOCATION WAS A POLITICAL ONE, AND HE THOUGHT THE FRG COULD AGREE TO ITS BEING RESOLVED IN THE NAC RATHER THAN THE DPC.

5. GENERAL TANDECKI SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT AMBASSADOR CONFIDENTIAL

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KOMER WISHED TO DISCUSS THE QUESTION OF NAPMA'S PERMANENT LOCATION WITH GENERAL ALTENBURG, HEAD OF THE OFFICE OF POLITICAL/MILITARY AFFAIRS, ON SEPTEMBER 15 IN BONN. TANDECKI SAID GENERAL ALTENBURG WAS "NOT ASKING" FOR A DISCUSSION OF THIS THORNY ISSUE, BUT WOULD BE WILLING TO ADDRESS IT WITH AMBASSADOR KOMER IF THIS WERE THE LATTER'S WISH. MEEHAN

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